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# IRISES

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#### **EXPLANATION**

In the following list no attempt has been made to classify bearded varieties according to color type or habit of growth, aside from making a separate list of the dwarfs. Those irises which are described as "intermediates" are lower in growth and earlier to bloom than the "tall bearded", and are especially good for massing. In this section dwarf irises usually begin to bloom early in April, are followed by the intermediates, and in May by the tall varieties, but as the seasons vary so greatly in different years the latter are listed simply as early, mid-season and late.

Siberian iris blooms with the tall bearded. The flowers are smaller and more delicate, and usually have conspicuous veining on the haft.

The number following the name is the garden rating for the variety, as given by the American Iris Society.

- S.—Standards, the upper segments of an iris flower.
- F.—Falls, the lower segments.
- Haft.—The upper narrow part of the fall.
- Plicata—A light-colored iris marked with a "buttonholed" edge, or dotted over the surface with a darker shade.
- Bicolor—Standards of one color, falls of another, usually darker.
- Self.—The entire flower all of one color.

## INTERMEDIATE AND TALL BEARDED VARIETIES

	One	Three
Abenda—81. S. Old rose suffused with bronze; F. redder. Flowers not large but produced for a very long time. Tall. Midseason	\$ .15	<b>\$</b> .35
Alcazar—87. S. light mauve; F. velvety crimson, throat richly veined bronze; beard bright orange. Of splendid form, tall and a vigorous grower. Fragrant. Midseason	.05	.10
Ambassadeur—91. S. bronze lavender. F. velvety purple brown, with conspicuous veining. Stylebranches lemon-yellow and violet, beard orange. The most popular of the standard varieties, having large, fragrant flowers of rich coloring and fine substance. Medium height. Midseason	.10	.25
Ariel—71. Clear harebell blue self. Fragrant and free-flowering. Medium height, mid-season	.15	.40
Asia—88. S. pale silvery lavender, shaded yellow at base. F light lavender-violet, paler at edges. Conspicuous veining and bright gold beard. Massive glowing flowers on tall, strong stems.		
Late	.20	.50

	One	Three
Autumn King—77. S. lavender-violet. F. slightly darker. Large flowers of good form and texture. Early, and blooming a second time in the fall. Medium height		.50
Ballerine—89. S. silvery-lavender- blue, wavy margins. F. slightly darker. A very large flower, tall and late blooming, with a de- licious fragrance. A favorite among the light blues	•	.35
B. Y. Morrison—80. S. pale lavender-violet. F. velvety raising purple with wide border of lavender. Tall, midseason, of slender but vigorous growth. A very distinct bicolor		.35
Damozel—82. Large ruffled white flowers dotted and edged with deep lavender. Tall, free-flowering and fragrant. Late. One of the loveliest of the plicatas		.35
Dejah — S. dull silvery blue. F. bright mauve blue. Beard yellow, deeping to glowing red-gold in heart of flower. Strong-growing, tall, large-flowered and fragrant. Early-blooming	  -	.40
Dream—84. S. soft lilac pink. F. slightly darker, with bronze beard and reticulations. One of the older pinks but still one of the best. A tall fragrant pallidation of fine form and substance.		
Midseason		.25

	One	Three
Edouard Michel—81. Deep wine- red self with frilled S. Fragrant, tall and free-flowering. Late		.40
Fritjof—78. S. light lavender blue. F. lavender shading to red-purple in center. A vigorous and free-flowering intermediate	•	.25
Gold Imperial—87. S. and F. deep yellow with brilliant orange beard. Of fine form and texture, vigorous and free-flowering. Medium height. Midseason	) 	.35
Iris King—80. S. old gold. F. velvety garnet brown bordered with gold and reticulated with gold on haft. Beard showy orange. A massive flower of good form and brilliant color. Tall, early	\ \ -	.10
King Karl—93. S. light apricot, dotted with pink and reddish. F. cream sprinkled with lavender-rose. An attractive plicata with large ruffled fragrant flowers. Medium height. Midseason	· ·	.60
Lent A. Williamson—88. S. lavender-violet blended with yellow at base. F. velvety pansy violet paler at edges. Large fragrant flowers of exceptional substance tall vigorous growth, early blooming. A great favorite	;	.10
Loreley—78. S. clear yellow. F. raisin purple, bordered yellow. Fragrant, medium height, mid-	•	
season	.10	.25

	One	Three
Midgard—87. Soft yellow and pink blend, deeper on falls. Large ruffled flower, medium height, midseason	10	1.00
Mme. Chereau—70. S. and F. ruf- fled white with pencilled blue edging. A fragrant, early bloom- ing plicata on tall slender stems.		.10
Mother of Pearl—84. Iridescent tints of cream flushed with lavender, overlaid and veined in the throat with gold, and with orange beard. Large ruffled fragrant flowers on tall stems. Late blooming		.25
Mrs. Tinley—81. Lavender violet, slightly deeper on falls, with glowing red-orange beard. Tall, vigorous and early		.25
Navajo—71. S. mustard yellow. F. haft heavily veined maroon on cream ground, becoming solid maroon on lower blade. Medium height. Late		.10
Nine Wells—79. S. light lavender- violet, F. velvety pansy violet with lighter border. Large frag- rant flowers of heavy texture. Tall vigorous growth. Late		.10
Opera—83. S. rich red-purple, F. velvety violet-purple with red-dish orange beard. Fragrant, vigorous and free-flowering. Medium height, mid-season. One of the most popular "reds"		
of the most popular reus	.10	.00

	One	Three
Princess Beatrice — 90. Silvery lavender, falls slightly darker. Exquisite form and fine substance. Large fragrant ruffled flowers on tall stems, and handsome foliage. Early. The most beautiful light lavender.		.25
Rhein Nixe—83. S. white. F. pansy violet with bluish white border. Fragrant, medium height, midseason		.25
Rheintraube—79. S. light violet- blue. F. deep blue, shaded purple; orange beard. Tall, mid-season. A very striking bi- color		.35
Rosalba—84. A brilliant deep rose color, not large, but of good form and free-blooming. Tall, mid-season	.15	.40
Seminole—83. S. soft violet-rose, F. rich velvety crimson with bright orange beard. Large, fragrant and free-flowering. Tall, mid-season	.15	.40
Shekinah—84. Clear light yellow deepening toward center. Tall, late		.40
Sherwin-Wright—76. Rich golden- yellow. Flowers not large, but very abundant. Fine for a low		05
mass. Mid-season  Souv. de Mme. Gaudichau—88. S. deep rich blue-purple. F. velvety blackish purple. Large fragrant flowers on tall strong stems. Early. The most popular dark		.25
blue		.35

$\mathcal{C}$	ne	Three
Taj Mahal—81. A pure white		
fragrant flower, tall, vigorous and hardy. The best late white		
at a moderate price	.15	.35
Troost—79. S. rosy purple. F.		
lighter, veined violet. Ruffled. A good deep pink of medium height	.10	.25
Zua—74. An unusual bloom of		
pale grayish lavender, with a		
texture like ruffled crepe paper.  An intermediate of low growth		
with large fragrant flowers	.15	.35
Zwanenburg—82. S. cream, flushed with pale violet. F. velvety rich	•	
old gold, splashed with maroon.		
An intermediate of low growth		
very hardy and floriferous. The flowers are fragrant and hand-		
some with broad segments and		
unusual coloring	.20	.50
DWARF BEARDED VARI	ETI	ES
Azurea—85. A lovely little sky		
blue dwarf, which is rather rare.	1 5	# 9F
Very early \$\ \text{Bluestone} \text{\$\scale} \text{S. violet purple;}	.15	<b>\$ .</b> 35
F. rich pansy purple, with con-		
spicuous white beard and vein-		
ing in throat. Free-flowering and of rapid increase	.15	.35
Marocain—S. amethyst violet. F.		
rich velvety pansy violet.	.15	.40
Orange Queen—86. Deep clear yellow self, with bronze reticula-		
tions.	.15	.35
Schneekuppe—77. Pure white, reti-		
culated olive in throat. Frag- rant, and one of the earliest of		
the dwarfs	.10	.25

	One	Three
Stewart—75. Lemon yellow, veined		
with olive; deep yellow beard. Fragrant and very early	.10	.25
Ylo—Light yellow with flaring		.40
falls. Late. 6".		.40
CIDEDIAN IDIC		
SIBERIAN IRIS		
I. Orientalis—Tall, rich, deep purple with bronze reticulations.	.15	.35
Perry's Blue—Tall, sky-blue, with		.00
large broad segments. The most		
popular Siberian	.15	.35
Snow Queen-Pure white with		0.5
yellow patch on F. Low-growing	.15	.35
IRIS SPECIES		
I. Tectorum — Open ruffled flower		
of deep bluish lavender, streaked		
with purple on falls. Brownish reticulations in throat. Fringed		
crest instead of beard. 15"	.35	.90
Tectorum Alba—Pure white with		
gold crest and reticulations.	۲0	1.05
Easter lily fragrance	.50	1.25
I. Verna—Tiny lilac flowers with orange patch. 3", with narrow		
leaves up to 12".	.10	.25

#### BARGAIN LIST

All the following varieties 30 cents a dozen. Not less than half a dozen of one variety will be sold.

Albicans—The best early white.
Col. Candelot—Dark velvety brick-red.
Fairy—White, reticulated blue on falls.
Flavescens—Tall pale yellow, bronze veined.
Fro—S. yellow, F. bronzy red, edged yellow.
Helge—Pale yellow intermediate.
Honorabile—Yellow, overlaid mahogany on F.

Ingeborg—Low white intermediate.
Kharput—S. violet. F. velvety purple. Early.
Mrs. Horace Darwin—White, reticulated violet.

Purple King—Early dark red-purple. Walhalla—S. lavender. F. purple. Early.

#### OTHER VARIETIES

The above is not a complete list of the irises in my collection. Write for the varieties in which you are interested. If I do not have them I will be glad to get them for you.

#### CULTURAL HINTS FOR THE SOUTH

The ideal planting time in this section is September, for bearded iris. For Siberian and other beardless types, it is better to wait for the cooler weather of October.

Siberian iris will bloom in an ordinary border, but does better in a moist position with acid soil.

In planting bearded iris, the rhizomes should be given a slight covering of earth to protect them from the hot summer sun. I have even found that light shade may be beneficial, as long as it is not enough to encourage rhizome rot.

#### CONDITIONS OF SALE

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